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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/21/13

SPONSOR Martinez/Trujillo LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Santa Cruz Dam Improvements SJM 6

ANALYST McCoy

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$5.0			Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of the State Engineer (OSE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 6 requests complete review by the Office of the State Engineer's dam safety bureau of design documentation for improvements to Santa Cruz Dam in Santa Fe County. The memorial also resolves that the New Mexico congressional delegation be requested to seek federal funding for improvements to the Santa Cruz Dam.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Office of the State Engineer notes that contract services may be required to complete the requested review ahead of other projects currently in the bureau work load, especially because the dam safety bureau currently has one vacant engineer position. The agency estimates the contract services on the order of \$5 thousand to \$15 thousand could be required if an accelerated schedule is required for the Santa Cruz Dam modifications.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Office of the State Engineer indicates the dam safety bureau reviewed plans and specifications for modifications to Santa Cruz Dam, provided review comments to the owner's engineer on April 20, 2012, and held follow up conversations in September 2012. The Office of the State Engineer reports the dam safety bureau is awaiting resubmittal of the documents and has nothing in hand at present that can be reviewed to further the project.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The dam safety bureau of the Office of the State Engineer supports modifications to Santa Cruz Dam to correct deficiencies. Coordination with the owner's engineer has given the bureau the impression that most comments have been addressed and that final review should require limited time and should result in a permit to construct modifications.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Modifications to correct deficiencies at Santa Cruz Dam will be delayed if state and federal funding is not provided by the New Mexico Legislature and Congress.

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